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Nikhil JAKATDAR et al.

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REAL-TIME
LIBRARY GENERATION OF GRATING
PROFILES**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003 (Paper No. 5) for which a response is due on July 3, 2003. Hence, this response is timely filed.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-24 and 26-33, without traverse. Applicant expressly reserves his right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.